

Zion Lutheran Church
1000 Washington Avenue
Cloquet, Minnesota 55720

Zion Lutheran Church 131st Annual meeting minutes
Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Linda Schumacher led the devotions for the annual meeting.

ZLC Council President Kathy Blascyk declared the opening of the 131st Annual Meeting at 11:00.

Cheryl Monette moved, the motion was seconded by Kyle Terrio-Johnson for the approval of the agenda. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Jackie Nelson moved, the motion was seconded by Dorine Houck for the approval the minutes of the 130th Annual Meeting held on February 7, 2016. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

The Annual Financial Reports for 2016 and the proposed annual budget for 2017 were presented by ZLC bookkeeper, Mike Mills. He highlighted that this was the eighth year in a row that the budget ended in the black. Ray Hatinen moved and the motion was seconded by Kyle Terrio-Johnson to accept the treasurers report. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Pastor Linda Schumacher submitted a written report but expounded on the positive direction that Zion is moving. She believes we are trusting in God and using the many gifts and talents that the congregation possess to make the world a better place. She thanked the excellent staff, musicians, council and all who serve, for their contributions. Pastor Loren shared that we are celebrating the 500 year of the reformation. Being Lutheran Christians is a strong force to interact with the world. He shared that we are BLESSED. "B" bridge, "L" listening, "E" eating together, "S" serve, "S" sharing. Loren, announced that the pastors will be retiring this year, probably in the fall.

Youth Ministry Report – Laura Anderson's report can be found on page 13. Laura emphasized that we are all called to be youth ministers. She thanked the congregation for their dedication to the youth and the many programs. She also thanked the pastors for the dedication and commitment they have shown toward the youth of the congregation and for working as a team to develop a great youth ministry at Zion.

Kathy Blascyk indicated that the Ministry reports are included in the written materials. She suggested that any questions be directed to the corresponding ministry team.

Cari Terrio-Johnson moved, the motion was seconded by Kyle Terrio-Johnson for the approval of the Resolution to honor the memory of those who by God's Grace have left our church in this world and have become a part of the Church Triumphant in Glory. They are:
Members: Lorraine Troolin, Ethel Johanson, Dale Ebel, Siiri Lundstrom, Jane Anderson, Shirley Lawrence, Ervin Seppala, Gary Nelson, Gordon Aanerud, Velda Beck, William Hill, Edwin Saaristo and Mona Praise. Non-members: Kevin Hermanson and Daniel Durand. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Council President: Kathy Blascyk thanked the council for serving. The term of the following council members has expired: Willie Raisanen, Kathy Blascyk, Phil Johnson, and Gretchen Chelseth. Kathy also announced the following recommendations of the nominating committee: Bjorn Anderson, Dorine Houck, Rhonda Johnson and Jason Southerton.

New Business:

Election of new council members - Council president Kathy Blascyk asked for nominations from the floor. None were presented. Deb Carter moved, the motion was seconded by Kyle Terrio-Johnson to unanimously accept the ballot that was recommended by the nominating committee. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Approval of the 2017 financial budget – The revenue and expenditure for the 2017 budget is \$236,248. Ray Hatinen moved and the motion was seconded by Tom Anderson to accept the 2017 budget as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Constitutional By-law changes – Phil Johnson moved and the motion was seconded by Tom Martinson to accept the proposed changes to the ZLC by-laws. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Endowment fund – The need for additional members to help with the endowment fund was expressed by Bob Nelson. Jackie Nelson moved, the motion was seconded to elect the following three individuals to serve on the endowment fund committee; Bob Nelson, Gary Terrio, Barry Bergquist. The motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present. The committee will also include one council member and a pastor.

Jim Nelson reported progress is being made on the replacement of the ceiling tiles.
Arnelda Southworth reported the need for visitation of our elderly.

Berry Bergquist moved to adjourn the 131st annual meeting, seconded by Willie Raisanen, the motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Pastor Loren closed in Prayer

February 4, 2018 will be the next annual meeting.
Ruth Jorgenson, Secretary

